

# State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1999

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

Introduced by: Representative Brown (Jarvis) and Senator Whiting

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to small claims  
2 proceedings.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 15-39-45 be amended to read as follows:

5 15-39-45. The Supreme Court may amend and repeal uniform rules of practice applicable to  
6 circuit and magistrate courts in this state, providing for a simple, informal, and inexpensive  
7 procedure, hereinafter called the procedure, for the determination according to the rules of  
8 substantive law, of claims in the nature of contract or tort other than slander and libel, ~~in which~~  
9 ~~the plaintiff does not claim as debt or damages more than four thousand dollars;~~ and for review  
10 of judgments upon such claims when justice so requires.

11 Exemplary or punitive damages may not be awarded under this chapter, except as provided  
12 in chapter 60-11, chapter 22-30A and §§ 43-32-6 and 43-32-24.